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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR BUNKER "C" PRICE QUOTATIONS

REF: STATE 4449

1. INQUIRIES TO HAMBURG OFFICES OF ESSO, MOBIL AND TEXACO
REVEAL FOLLOWING RANGE OF CONTRACT PRICES FOR BUNKER "C"
(IN DOLLARS PER BARREL ROUNDED OFF TO NEAREST ONE TENTH OF A CENT):

JANUARY 1, 1973: \$2.79-2.828

DECEMBER 1, 1973: \$4.94-6.63

JANUARY 1, 1974: \$6.327-8.00

WE ARE INFORMED THAT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 8, 1974 A NEW PRICE

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OF \$12.37 IS BEING QUOTED. ACCORDING TO THE OIL COMPANIES,

THEY ARE SERVING ONLY VESSELS WITH CONTRACTS. TRAMP VESSELS ARE SAID TO BUNKER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR CONTRACT WITH THE COMPANY IN THE VESSELS' PORT OF REGISTRY AND ARE USUALLY GIVEN ONLY QUANTITIES SUFFICIENT TO REACH THEIR NEXT PORT OF CALL.

2. WE ARE INFORMED BY BOTH THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE GERMAN SHIPPERS ASSOCIATION THAT THERE IS NO BLACK OR GREY MARKET FOR THE SUPPLY OF BUNKER OIL TO NON-CONTRACT SHIPS. THIS IS BECAUSE NON-CONTRACT SHIPS WHICH MAKE LEGITIMATE CALLS IN GERMAN PORTS AND REQUIRE BUNKER OIL ARE PUT IN TOUCH WITH THE "AUFFANGSTELLE DER MINERALOELWIRTSCHAFT FUR DEN BUNKERBEDARF DER SEESCHIFFART IN DEUTSCHER HAEFEN" (EMERGENCY ORGANIZATION OF THE PETROLEUM INDUSTRY FOR BUNKERING REQUIREMENTS OF OCEAN-GOING VESSELS IN GERMAN PORTS). THIS ORGANIZATION WAS ESTABLISHED ON THE REQUEST OF THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE GERMAN SHIPPERS ASSOCIATION AND OPERATES FROM THE OFFICE OF MOBIL OIL IN HAMBURG (MR. HEINICHEN). NON-CONTRACT SHIPS ARE SUPPLIED FROM THE MAJOR BUNKER WITH OIL AT THE SAME PRICES AS QUOTED TO CONTRACT CUSTOMERS THROUGH THIS ORGANIZATION ON REQUEST.

3. ATTEMPTS TO VERIFY INFO CONTAINED IN PARA 2 WITH UNITED STATES LINES AND SEA LAND WERE UNSUCCESSFUL SINCE NEITHER LINE BUNKERS ITS SHIPS IN GERMAN PORTS.BROGAN

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